

SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
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TO: All Commissioners and Alternates  
FROM: Charles R. Roberts, Executive Director

SUBJECT: REPORT OF DESIGN REVIEW BOARD TO COMMISSION REGARDING  
APPEARANCE AND DESIGN OF THE "WAVE MAZE"  
(For Commission consideration on December 1, 1977)

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The Design Review Board evaluated the appearance and design of the wave maze on October 26, 1977, to advise the Commission on whether the device, if moored in San Francisco Bay, would likely meet the design and appearance policies of the Bay Plan, especially those policies which state that projects should be designed to enhance the visual quality of the Bay, to take maximum advantage of the Bay's attractive setting and to enhance the pleasure of the user and viewer of the Bay.

Mr. Noble, the engineer who designed the wave maze, explained the device to the Board members and showed a movie that illustrated how the device was constructed, what it looked like in the water, and how it worked in storm conditions. In addition, photographs of the device and a model were shown.

Based on the information presented and relying on their professional judgment, the Board advises the Commission that:

1. The appearance of the wave maze would likely disturb general viewers of the Bay who are not accustomed to seeing tires function as breakwaters and feel tires used for this purpose are incompatible in a marine setting; and
2. Insufficient attention had been given to the appearance of the breakwater. The Board suggested that perhaps a professional designer should be retained to redesign the breakwater so it would not be out of context with its use or the Bay's environment.

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